

GREEN TEAM MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Start date and time:

June 4, 2021

11:07 am

Attendees:

Charlie Neiss (chair)

Kim Didonato

Wendy Robinson (11:23)

Agenda

1. Prior meeting minutes
2. Follow-ups from prior meeting
3. Status on action items
4. Finalize submission

Prior meeting minutes

Approved - to be posted on website

Follow-ups from prior meeting

- Charlie confirmed the day and time for future meetings as 3:00 pm on the third Monday of each month.

Status on Action Items

Action (must be in 6 of 18 categories)	Status
Create Green Team (MANDATORY)	Complete
Community Education & Outreach	Complete
Hold a Green Fair	Complete
"Green" Your Green Fair	Complete
Extreme Temperature Event Plan	Complete
Emergency Communications Planning	Complete
Vulnerable Populations Identification for Emergencies	Complete

Energy Tracking & Management (PRIORITY)	In Progress
Farmers Markets	Complete
Green Building Policy/Resolution	Complete
Green Building Education	Complete
Anti-Idling Education & Enforcement Program	In Progress
Smoke-Free and Tobacco-Free Public Places	In Progress
Environmental Commission	Complete
Environmental Commission Site Plan Review	Complete
Tree Protection Ordinance	Approved
Adopt a Green Purchasing Policy by Resolution	Complete
Recycled Paper	Complete
Municipal Communications Strategy	Complete
Digitizing Public Information	Complete
Prescription Drug Safety and Disposal (PRIORITY)	Complete
Community Paper Shredding Day	In Progress
Non-Mandated Materials Recycling	In Progress
Grass - Cut It and Leave It Program	Complete

The remaining In Progress items will be completed. The Energy Tracking and Management item will be completed today. The other four may not be completed until next week, but we have more than enough points to submit the application.

It has been confirmed with Sustainable Jersey that additional action items may be submitted after the June 6th deadline, provided the minimum required for bronze are submitted by that date. The team will work to reach the 350 point level for silver certification this year so that no submission for recertification is required until 2024. There is the potential for significantly more than 350 points. The action items prioritized for completion will be those with the greatest potential to have a positive impact on Watchung.

Points required for Bronze: 150
Target for June submission: 225
Submitted: 175
At risk: 0

Follow up actions:

- Charlie will create a strawman list of action items to reach 350 points.

Next meeting:

- Monday, June 21, 2021 3:00 pm

Meeting End time:

11:38 am